

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A portable information communication apparatus for conducting information communication, comprising:

an image capturing device for obtaining an image of a subject through a zoom optical system;

a body casing connected to said image capturing device;

a communicator for conducting information communication with the exterior;

a display disposed on said body casing for displaying said image obtained by said image capturing device; ~~and~~

a rotating mechanism for changing a positional relationship of said image capturing device and said body casing relative to each other between a first position in which an optical axis of said image capturing device and a display screen of said display are substantially parallel to each other and a second position in which said optical axis of said image capturing device and said display screen of said display are substantially perpendicular to each other; and

a manual operation device for accepting a user's operation associated with information communication when in said first position and for accepting a user's operation associated with image capturing when in said second position, said manual operation device comprising a rotary member for accepting a push in operation and a rotary operation.

2. (Currently Amended) The information communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the length of said image capturing device along said optical axis is approximately equal to the width of said body casing along said optical axis when in said first position.

3. (Currently Amended) The information communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a group of control buttons provided on a surface of said body casing facing in substantially the same direction as said display screen for accepting a user input.

4 and 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The information communication apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said rotary operation of said rotary member effects a change in magnification of said zoom optical system when in said second position.

7. (Currently Amended) A portable apparatus comprising:

a first body for housing a photoelectric conversion device and an optical system for image-forming a subject image on said photoelectric conversion device, a first dimension of said first body along an optical axis of said optical system being longer than a second dimension of said first body in a direction perpendicular to said optical axis of said optical system;

a second body including a display for displaying an image based on image data outputted from said photoelectric conversion device, a first dimension of said second body in a direction perpendicular to a screen of said display being shorter than a second dimension of said second body in a direction parallel to said screen of said display;

a communication unit for communicating with an external device, said communication unit being capable of transmitting said image data outputted from said photoelectric conversion device; and

a connecting member for connecting said first body and said second body to each other, said connecting member being movable between a first position in which said optical

axis of said optical system is substantially parallel to said screen of said display and a second position in which said optical axis of said optical system is substantially perpendicular to said screen of said display;

a detector for detecting whether a positional relationship of said optical axis of said optical system and said screen of said display is in said first position or in said second position; and

a controller to switch between a plurality of operating modes in accordance with a result of detection of said detector.

8. (Original) The portable apparatus according to claim 7, wherein
a first dimension of said optical system along said optical axis is longer than a second dimension of said optical system in a direction perpendicular to said optical axis.

9. (Original) The portable apparatus according to claim 7, wherein
a dimension of said optical system in a direction perpendicular to said optical axis of said optical system is approximately equal to said first dimension of said second body.

10. (Original) The portable apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising
a manual operation member provided on a surface of said second body facing in substantially the same direction as said screen of said display.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (New) The portable apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of operating modes comprises an image capturing mode and a communication mode.

13. (New) A portable communications and image capturing apparatus comprising:
a first body having a length, a width, and a depth, the first body comprising;
a CCD to capture an image and provide an image signal,
a signal processor to process the image signal,
a memory to store the captured image,
a zoom optical system to control a zooming of the camera,
a lens driver to control the zoom optical system,
an AF controller to auto focus the image,
a brightness meter to detect a brightness of the image, and
an exposure controller to control an exposure of the image,
a second body having a length, a width, and a depth, the second body comprising;
a power supply to supply power,
a display to display the image, and
a group of control buttons to input controls to the apparatus,
wherein the width of the first body and the width of the second body are substantially equal,
the depth of the first body and the depth of the second body are substantially equal,
and
the first body and the second body are rotatably attached such that the first body is rotatable along a central axis of the length of the first body with respect to a central axis of the length of the second body.

14. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising a jog dial to input commands to the apparatus.

15. (New) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein commands are entered by rotating the jog dial.

16. (New) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein commands are entered by depressing the jog dial.

17. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the apparatus has a plurality of modes comprising a record mode to capture an image and a communicate mode to transmit data.

18. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a position detector to determine a relative rotational position of the first body with respect to the second body.

19. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the apparatus enters one of the plurality of modes based on the determined relative rotational position.

20. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the apparatus enters the record mode and the communicate mode concurrently based on the determined relative rotational position.

21. (New) The information communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said push in operation of said rotary member effects a release operation when in said second position.